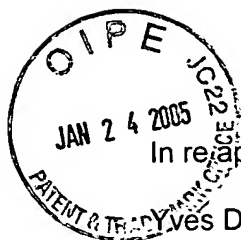


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Dear Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2004. A request for a two-month extension of time accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this amendment.

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